For many years past the spring racing at Sheepshead has been termed a bookmakers' meeting, meaning that it is there as a rule that the semi-bankrupt booky retrieves his losses at Gravesend and Morris Park and makes up the depletion in his roll of bills. Consequently ad players have always fought rather shy of favorites at Sheepshead, and in these arpeles for the past five years attention has been grawn to this fact. Last year it was said: "For ome reason the spring meeting has always unsatisfactory to the system player, with had days which appear at the beginning and oward the end of the meeting. The percentage of winning favorites has always been below the average, and this year, of all others, it appears to be idle to look for any change," That proved correct, and was applicable to this season.

This has been the worst meeting for favorite players and they are a very large and imporat contingent—that the records for many years show, how bad will be seen by the following fally proportions of winning favorites, which, even at this meeting, should be 41 per cent. On the first day no favorite won, so the figures started at 0, and then ran 25, 17, 20, 20, 25, 32, 32, 32, 35, 35 and 35 percent. The only meeting to equal it in the number of losing favorites was the last meeting held at Clifton, N.J., only there the percent-age dropped down to about 18 and stayed there until the close. Last year the percentages were 66, 50, 47, 44, 38, 40, 41, 40, 40, 42, 40 and 30, and in 1880 the record was 43, 53, 70, 54, 54, 53, 51, 48, 47, 40, 45 and 45 per cent. Note the bad spots in all these meetings, and then try to explain the extra hard spots in the meeting just closed, held during phenomenal weather, with officials of undoubted integrity.

Taking the meeting for analysis, in the ranks of the first favorites 28 won and 31 got second. of which 11 were at odds of 1-2 or better for the place and 14 were at the unplayable odds of 2-5 or worse. Last year 13 favorites ran secand, with only 3 at worse odds than 1-2 on for the place. This year the second favorites totalled 22 wins and 10 ran second, with only 1 at worse than 1-2 for the place, this being Letterer on June 23, in a three-horse race; last year 20 won and 10 ran into the place at good odds. This gives a percentage of about 62 for the first and second favorites, as against an average of US per cent. Inst year. The extremely high average of last year showed that there must come an evening up of matters, out searcely indicated the extent demonstrated at this meeting. The unplayable favorites numbered 7 as against 6 last year, and these were: On June 18, Typhoon II., 2-7, June 20, Kingdon, 1-4, won; June 23, Hamburg, 1-5, won; June 25, Jean Bereaud, 9-20, won: June 30, Ogden, 1-15, won, and Bir Hubert, 0-20, lost. The outsiders were well to the fore, the principal ones being: On June 18, Armament, 30-1, 6-1, ran second; Semper Fgo, 30-1, 10-1, was second; June 21, Comreial Traveller, at 200-1, was third; June 22. Bannock, 8-1, 2-1, was second ; June 25, Julius Crear, 50-1, was third, and Mr. Phinizy, 30-1. was third: June 27, Mrs. Jimmy, 100--1, 30-1, won; June 29, Hanwell, 80-1, was third; Strangest, at 200-1, got off seventh, running in that position to the half, and then was beaten for third place by a head. Killings have been many among the colored contingent from the Beach. On two days at this meeting, the first and third, not a favorite won, on two days only one won, and on four days only two won. It was a very spotty meeting, one well over so far as the system player is concerned, although Brighton Beach has not been an alluring pros-

Brighton Beach has not been an alluring prospect for the panter.

The Bedd system is the one which unites the good qualities of the first and second favorites, making the daily cash by the Duplicate Winning Favorites as outlined in full detail last season) and then endeavoring to avoid the large capital required in the old plan by resovering all losses through the wins of the second favorites after odds than 2-1; the duplicate second favorite is also used to win daily cash where a first favorite is not indicated, and thus about 6: to 70 per cent, of favorites are utilized successfully. The system was detailed in full in Tag New of May 1, 1898, and has proved emigently successful so far this season, winning at Horris Park \$313, with a maximum risk of \$105, and at Gravesend winning \$350, with a risk of \$255, and at Gravesend winning \$350, with a risk of \$255, as detailed in other articles of this

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	Howard Mann, 6-1	13
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	Bromley stable, 2-1	1
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	Sly Fox, 19-5	
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The Duplicate Race system has been sadly hampered in common with all favorite systems at this meeting, but it comes out ahead. This is the system of keeping tab of the races won one day by the first favorites and then backing the favorites to win the corresponding races the next day, the first het being to win \$20; if that is won, bet \$5 until a loss occurs, but if lost, play to win back lost money and \$20 added, at any price above 1 to 2 on. At the meeting it came out as follows:

	June 18- June 20-		No favorite won. No betwto be made.		
	June 21-		Harry Reed, 2-5	4.6	- 22
	The second second	\$15	Tabouret, 9-6	1.00	\$15
		15	Dwyer's stable, 13-5	4.4	15
	June 22		No bets to be made.	400000	
	June 23-	55	Alpen	\$50	
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	June 25-	15	The Gardner, 11-5	244	15
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		35	Royal Scarlet, 8-5	56	
	June 27	6	Sanders, 6-5		- 5
		10	Miriam Claire, 3-1	- 622	10
	June 28-	25	Forget, 75	35	555
	June 29-	- 5	Lady Marian, 6-5	200	5
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ı		- 5	George Boyd, 6-5	- 65	- 53
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1	June 30-	4.46		1.77	40
ı	w.ie.cole.co	40	Tyrshena, 4-5	72	
ı	July 1-	40	Isidor, 9-5	12	2.0
1		6	Decanter, 3-5	9	112
ı	July 2-	- 5	Nosey, 11-10	22.5	- 5
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	100	. 5	The Gardner, 13-5	10	5
		15	Forget, 8-5		15
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This leaves \$60 in the hands of the book-makers, making the actual winnings \$154 on the meeting. s meeting. The lockeys still show Sloan away at the head the list with a slightly improved percentage.

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Finnegan	**********	0	
McCafferty	********	0	

In all forty-three boys rode without securing brackets, among these being Lamle. Hirseh, and Penn. Dating from the second race on June 30 Sloan rode ten races with only one winner—Becauter, on July 1. The average price of his winning mounts was 7—5 and the average price against his losing mounts was 11—8, or about 10—14 in the gross. Thus a flat bet of \$10 a mount brings the speculator out \$134 ahead on the meeting. Better play the Red system, with no probable setback awaiting it!

The chart for the first half of Brighton Beach meeting, the longest on the circuit, is as followed.

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AROUND THE WHIST TABLE. BEGINNING OF THE EIGHTH CONGRESS

THE SUN, SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1898.

OF THE AMERICAN WHIST LEAGUE. Some of the Representative Teams-Con-cerning Long Suits-The "Ten Thousand Hands" Show Something About Their

Make-Up-Annlyses of Several Games The eighth annual congress of the American Whist League begins to-morrow in Boston, and will continue throughout the week. It will start with the contest for the championship of the auxiliary associations on Monday night, and then proceed to settle the various other championships, playing every afternoon and evening until midnight on Saturday. There will be an unusually large representation from New York, Brooklyn, and New Jersey this year. and as most of the players from this section belong to the common-sense school, some lively tilts with the alleged long-suit teams from the South and West may be looked for.

The Kniekerbocker Whist Club of New York

will probably have the largest number of representatives from this State, as it will have two teams of four and two pairs, besides some scattering entries for the open events. Andrew Gilhooly and Dr. Cramer are to represent the club in the Minneapolis pair contest. The Whist Club of New York will have a team of four in the A. W. L. contest, but will not enter for the Hamilton trophy at all. Elwell and Taylor will play in the Minneapolis pairs in the afternoons, and will be joined by Faber and Newman in the evenings. Sevother players from the same club will probably enter the open events. The New Jersey Whist Club's four, Otis, Aymar, Eagles and Cameron, will probably enter the Hamilton trophy contest, and there will be quite a number of Jerseymen in the other events. William Thomson and J. P. Fogel will play for the Passaic Whist Club in the Minneapolis pairs this year, instead of for Rutherford. Bruck and Dunbar will be in the pairs, even if they cannot get the whole team on from Ridgewood to play in the fours. It looks as if Brooklyn would have no regular team, but would be well represented in the open events.

As there are sixteen events on the programme there should be room for every one, and the prize-winners will doubtless be widely scattered. There has never been a year in which the result of the principal contests was so much in doubt as this one. Last year, and in 1806, THE SUN picked out the strongest teams without much difficulty and named several who afterward justified the confidence reposed in them by finishing in first, second or third place in all the important events. This year there are so many new factors in the field that there seems to be nothing upon which to base a judgment. When they were all playing the same old longsult system it was easy to pick the winners, but now that whist players are cutting loose from that style of game and are depending more on their common sense it is hard to say who will keep his wits about him best in a long-drawn-

The Pyramid four of Boston seem to have the best record of any team in the East, and should win on form, helped out a little by the advantage of playing a system which will be all Greek to their adversaries. New Jersey is playing a very strong game now, and the New Yorks are not slow, while Baltimore and Philadelphia have teams which are equal to any of them. In the pairs, Taylor and Elwell should be very hard to beat, although Walls and Me-Cay are not far behind them. Wooten and Low, the stars of the short-suiters, will be sadly missed. Wooten has gone to the war Lieutenant in the Signal Corps Dr. Walls has been reported as having gone back to the old long-suit game; a report which he takes occasion to

deny most emphatically in the last number of the official organ. It is not expected that the Western players will do as well this year as last, partly because their methods are old-fashioned and partly because they will be very nuch handicapped by their want of experience in playing against the "stunts" that form such a large part of the Eastern players' systems. The Sun will have a representative constantly in attendance at the congress, and full reports of the results of the various contests, together with any creditable scores made by players from this part of the country, will ap-

pear in the morning edition during the coming week. As the congress will not come to an end until very late on Saturday night, a full repor of all the events in detail cannot be given until the following Sunday, July 24. It has not yet been decided whether or not any record will be kept of the play of the hands in the more important events, but THE SUN representative that may be brought to his attention by the contestants. At the two last congresses the players were extremely kind to THE SUN in this respect, and many beautiful examples of strategy were saved from oblivion by having the eards copied from the trays immediately

Quite a number of players started for Boston yesterday and will be the guests of the New England Association to-day. Many more will go to-night, but the great rush will be to-morrow. so as to be in time for the games on Tuesday afternoon. The official circular issued by the Committee of Arrangements says that those tificate with them will be entitled to return makes no mention of the boats. The Sun is authorized by the general passenger agents of the Fall River, and Providence lines to say that the same rates will be given to those who prefer to go to Boston by boat.

CONCERNING LONG SUITS.

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The generally accepted theory of whist is to play for the longest suit, not only because it is the one in which you are most likely to get a number of tricks, but because it is the one which your adversaries are the least likely to bring in against you. Unfortunately, this statement is made without limitations, and therefore embraces all long suits, no matter how long they are, or in what combination with other suits and trumps. Now, it must be obvious that there is a limit to the carrying out of this theory in practice, because if we take an extreme example, such as a player's holding thirteen cards of a plain suit, it is absolutely impossible for him to take a trick with them, no matter what the distribution of the other eards may be. With twelve cards of one suit nothing short of a miracle would bring in such a suit, but as we get lower down in the scale we must arrive at a number of cards in suit which will make it reasonably probable that we shall make some tricks in it.

What is this number? In The Sun's 10,000 hands there are no plain suits longer than nine cards, and only two of those. In the first 5,000 hands there are no plain suits longer than nine cards, and only two of those. In the first 5,000 hands there are seventeen in which the leader holds a plain suit of eight cards. What are his chances for making anything out of such suits, and how should he manage them in order to discover the reasons for success or failure in such openings we should be able to learn something of the forces which work for or against us. In the first column is the turned up trump. The first suit given is the trump suit, and the next is the longest plain suit. The Sun would like some of its readers to lay out these hands, turning up the trump to the right, shuffling remaining thirty-eight cards and distributing them among the three other hands, afterward turning them face up and playing the deal through to see the result of th

f opening the longest plain suits that a player
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opening very long suits which show pretty clear-by the circumstances under which good playors will fight shy of such suits. The first one was played at the Brooklyn Whist Club on July L. Z dealt and turned the heart queen, and J. B. Elwell held A's cards. He and his partner each hold a six-card suit containing two honors, yet neither of them will touch those suits in the original lead, and they seem to have saved three or four tricks by it.

TRICK.	A	Y	В	Z
1	46	4.2	A.A	4.9
	08	44	4.5	43
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	QO	40	KO	06
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A—B get five tricks.

If the longest suit in A's hand is opened, A—B will make two tricks. If the diamond is opened, A—B will get one only, in spite of the fact that they have the entire suit between them. By opening the club suit Bunn's famous position is again, brought about, the entire suit being established in the hands of the adversaries, one of whom has six trumps, headed by the A K Q, with which to defend it. What of it? Is Bunn's prediction fulfilled and are the short suiters killed? It looks as if the boot was on the other leg, as usual.

Here is another example from the same evening's play. Z dealt and turned the heart 10 and Mrs. E. T. Baker held A's eards: A-B get five tricks.

TRICK.	A	Y	В	Z
1	48	4.5	& 2	4 Q
9	2 0	Jø	K.	7 6
8	08	07	OA	03
6	05	Ol	OK	0.8
B	20	OO	♥ 2	010
6	A &	Qø	3 0	6 4
7	10.0	8 4	50	4.0
8	94	47	10	43
0	5.4	410	4.9	44
10	3 6	60	A J	46
11	80	AO	04	90
19	7 0	100	4 A	4 K
13	40	90	♥ 8	Ko

A-B get eleven tricks, a gain of five. If A begins with the spade ace, four tricks in trumps and the club ace are all the tricks re-maining for A-B, even if A switches to clubs on the second trick, because B will certainly go to trumps in order to defend what is left of

go to trumps in order to defend what is left of the spade suit.

Trick 2. This lead of Zs deceives his partner very badly later on, but what is Z to do? He is too weak to lead trumps, and does not want to lead away from the guarded king of diamonds. To return the club, knowing the system used by A, would be very bad play.

Trick 6. The return of the spade looks reasonable, for Y has no means of knowing that her partner has not led the fourth best, and as B has the strong trump hand and must get into the lead later on, it will be better to let him open the diamonds.

The only way the spade suit can be made in this hand is by not opening it, and by not winning the first round, because A has no re-entry except in the suit itself, and the suit is worthless until after the usual fight over the trumps has been settled.

oeen settled.

Here is still another example of opening a singleton while holding a good six-card suit. The play seems to have gained three or four ricks over any other opening made, although he hand was played at twelve tables. Z turned he heart king, and Foster held A's cards.

TRICK.	A	Y	В	z
1	9 4	K o	3 4	4 4
2	♥ 5	0 1	02	07
8	Q 10	08	03	♥ 8
4	OA	43	04	OK
B	& A	47	4 4	4.5
6	& K	2 0	48	410
7,	A Q	7 0	4.3	5 0
8		40	20	100
9	4.6	80	60	30
10	4 2	QO	5 4	8 4
11	90	Ko	⊘ 6	10 4
18	70	AO	OO	Ja
18	30	A O	6 4	Q

A-B get ten tricks. A-B get ten tricks.

Trick 2. In the face of A's apparent bid for a ruff, Y must lead the trumps, especially as he is so strong in two suits. A does not want the lead, and is perfectly well satisfied to have three rounds of trumps before opening his masked battery in the club suit.

At several tables A opened the long suit, and his partner signalled, the play going as follows:

TRICK, A Y B

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1	& K	43	48	4.5
8	& Q	4.7	4.4	410
3	OA	₾ 9	V 2	07
4	Ø 10	01	OQ	OK
в	9 4	2 4	3 0	Q a
6	05	K 4	5.4	J 4
7	4 A	4 ◊	A J	V 8
8	3 0	A &	6.4	10 6
9	70	AO	20	50
10	80	K O	80	100
11	42	QO	03	10
19	46	7 0	04	4 4
13	49	8 0	₩6	8 4

A-B win seven tricks only, a loss of three,

A—B win seven tricks only, a loss of three.

Trick 5. If Z makes the mistake of leading his remaining trump for the double purpose of drawing two for one and of getting a discard from his partner at the same time, which would perhaps suggest itself to many players, he loses two tricks.

This shows that in spite of the fact that the long suit is supported by five trumps in the partner's hand, three tricks are lost by opening it.

The singletons in these three hands are all led by players who certainly know enough about the game to lead to the best advantage. What is there in their experience at the whist table that has shown them that under certain circumstances a long suit is not the best opening? They certainly cannot be accused of thinking long suits are not worth playing for, because they seem to bring in long suits that other players miss, but they do not do it by leading them, and least of all by giving up the command of them on the first round. Take the following hand, played at the Brooklyn Whist Club on July 1, in which Elwell had Mrs. Johnson for a partner, he holding B's cards, with the heart 8 turned on his left. The hand was played at seven tables, but he was the only player that succeeded in bringing in his long suit, although several others had the same chance to play for it at the fifth trick.

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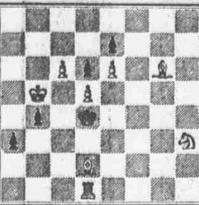
A—B get twelve tricks.

Trick 5. This is the critical trick. The discards have shown A that spades is B's suit, so the B must be the best spade that A holds. The R J B are therefore in the hands of the adversaries, and the deuce is the only one that A can have remaining. This being so, if B wins this trick and leads another round he makes it impossible for A ever to put him in again. B's only chance is that if he passes this trick A can get in again and lead the deuce of spades. On this B will have to play his see, and if he catches all the other spades he makes eix tricks in the suit. If A has no other spade, B loses his ace by passing this trick. If A has another hapade but B cannot establish the suit by winning the second round, he neither wins nor loses.

It was certainly a great surprise to Y, with his great hand and all the trumps gone, to get only one trick with his cards. B's winning the last trick with the small diamond was owing to the impossibility of Y's knowing what B's last card was.

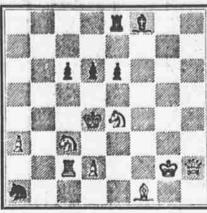
OUR CHESS CORNER.

PROBLEM NO. 600-MOTTO, "HIDDEN PORCES. BLACK-FIVE PIECES. K on Q 5; Pa on Q R & O Kt 5, Q 3 and R 2.



K on Q Kt & R on Q: Kt on K R S; Bs on Q 2 and E WHITE-RIGHT PIECES.

White to play and mate in three moves. PROBLEM NO. 081-MOTTO, "GRIM-VIRAGED WAR."



K on K Kt 2; Q on K R 2; R on Q B 2; Kts on Q B 3 and K 4; B on R B; Ps on Q R 3 and Q 2.

Both the above problems are entries for our first in ternational problem tournament. The judges in forwarding these problems for publication say that they had to throw out of the competition the problem under the motto of "Pro Patria," owing to a second solution by means of 1. Q-K B 3 ch; 2. B-Q

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 658. 1. B-Kt 2, K-Q 4; 2. R-B 5 ch, K x P; 3. B-K 5, nate. 1. B-Kt 2, K-K 4; 2, R-B 5 ch, K x P; 3, B-K 5,

1. B-Kt 2, P-K 4; 2. Kt-Kt 6, P-K 6; 3. R-B 4,

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 650.

John.
Dr. A. H. Baldwin, Norwalk, Conn., and A. S. Rich-nond, Middletown, Conn., forwarded additional cor-ect solutions to Nos. 656 and 657. F. A. Boggs, hicago, and Grover's Lil, Danbury, Conn., forwarded additional correct solutions to No. 457. CORRESPONDENCE.

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Walter Hindel, Newark.—The simplest way of bringing about the win is to force the exchange of queens by means of Q.—B.n.

Dr. A. H. Baldwin, Norwalk.—As Hannann retired from the contest no special credit is given to any of the other competitors in his section, but it was stated at the time that all his adversaries would get credit with two games each. two games each.

Irving Chapin, Philadelphia.—No, there is no entrance fee for our first international problem tournanotes of " Davohe "... Von see at liberty to mi

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3. Two copies of each problem properly diagramed must be forwarded with the full solutions.

4. Eagh contestant must attach a "motto" to his problem for subsequent identification, and at the same time must forward his "motto," his name, and his address in a scaled cavelope.

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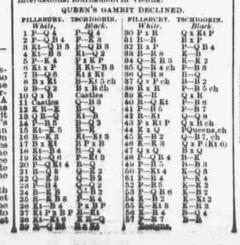
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In the fifth section of our first correspondence tour-nament Debriner beat Norton and in the seventh sec-tion Wrighley beat Kempf.

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THE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT.

The holiday tournament, as played during the Fourth of July vacation at Dobbs Ferry, resulted as follows: Delmar and Koehler divided the first and second prizes, each having won four and a half games; Hanham, Philipps, and Zirn divided the next three prizes with three wins cach, and Behr got the sixth prize with two wins. THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT. Following is a selection of games, as played in the international fournament in Vienna:



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